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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Offshore Island Situation

General

Military activity in the offshore islands has been generally confined to reconnaissance patrolling by both Nationalists and Communists.

Matsus

On 1 March, three fishing boats were observed south of Matsu. These vessels were believed to be conducting reconnaissance of Matsu, Nationalist vessels captured two of these fishing boats.

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Sounds of construction on the peninsula north of the Matsus continue

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Quemoy

Persistent reports of Communist ground activity in the Amoy area during the past several months indicate the "probable" presence in that area of Communist army units in addition to

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those currently identified there, according to CINCPAC intelligence. Official G-2 estimates place current Communist ground strength in the Amoy area at about 60,000 troops. However, the Communists are granted the capability of moving an additional 111,000 troops into the area within four days with no guarantee that such movements could be detected. 25X1

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[redacted] Communist activity in the Weitou area, northeast of Big Quemoy, is continuing.

Weather

Forecast for the next 48 hours is partly cloudy with average visibility except for patches of early morning coastal fog. Wind NE 8-15 knots, sea slight.

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